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Barbie got US help?

NEW YORK - Klaus Barbie, a convicted Nazi war criminal, could not have escaped from postwar Germany to South America without assistance from the State Department, a former Nazi prosecutor in the Justice Department said yesterday. John Loftus, now an attorney in Boston, said in an interview that he believed Barbie was aided in his flight from prosecution in return for intelligence about Soviet military operations in Eastern Europe. Barbie was deported from Bolivia last week to France to face war crimes charges. (Reuter)